



We cannot walk alone.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

NEWSLETTER

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'A child helped by another child is like a strong city'

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Dear Parents,



Proud To Be

Our Black History month celebrations are underway, with a focus on thinking and learning within the context of deepening our understanding of significant figures from black history, and the very positive influence these individuals have had on our lives. Year 6 were studying Black surrealism this week in Art.



Whole School Mass today was the first since the first Covid lockdown, and was organised and led, so capably, by our Year 6 pupil chaplains. Pupil led worship is a current drive for us, and our chaplains, supported by Miss Murphy, deserve to feel very proud of this piece of work, which brought us all together to pray as a school and parish. We feel so privileged to work alongside our priests, Fr Richard and Fr Giovanni, who contribute so much to developing the spiritual lives of the children, and us as a staff.



The Year 3s of whom we are so proud – and who are absolutely thriving as little individuals – have started their preparation for First Holy Communion in May. Please look out for confirmation of a little socially distanced concert to showcase the learning that is taking place in the Winter Sounds' singing project. It will be cosy outfits to the ready for their public performances of the medley of songs the children they have been learning each week, and we look forward to it. Here they are – so settled and happy – each and every one.



Music

Year 4 are now learning the trumpet, and we are delighted to welcome Elliot and Jim, our teachers, who are also leading the school band.



Mr Prescott continues to teach Music in all classes and runs two choirs at lunchtimes for children who choose to attend.

New Website and a broad and balanced curriculum

Our new website will soon go live, but here you might like to see a small selection of photos which have been taken in recent weeks which celebrate the broad and balanced curriculum of which we feel very proud at Holy Ghost. PE continues to be a real strength of our school, and we are pleased to announce that we are entered to participate in as many off site events as we can manage. The famous key stage two inter-planet events are the cause of much excitement and celebration of skill and talent. Our pupil leaders are having real opportunities to help, support and organise these events, and to care for their younger counterparts. Learning takes place on so many levels, not least the managing of the range of emotions for the children.



One of the mums of a Reception child told me this week that her child was able to comment at home that they were a “resilient bunny”. How wonderful to have that bit of feedback, especially for our youngest children, who are settling so brilliantly into school routines. We are very proud of all their achievements to date. As well as resilient bunnies, we have tenacious turtles and creative crocodiles – can you spot who is who?



Year 5 are very settled, and enjoying their learning, and each other, and Year 4 are impressing us with their hard work ethic.



Year 2 continue to delight us with their lovely manners and learning and Year 1 are making great strides as learners.



As half term approaches, we look back with joy to a new school year established, and a busy school year it will be. Please join us if you can for the Coffee morning (and second hand uniform sale) on Friday 15th October on the back playground just after 9.00am and once Reception have moved to their classroom. This is an opportunity to meet and mingle with other parents; say hello to Vanessa and Tania from Place2Be, and learn about their work.

After half term we will be learning about each class's class saint, and in our multi-faith day we will be learning more about religious leaders across the main faiths.

Please be alert to your child's safety online, as we are dealing with lots of reports of violent games, and inappropriate viewing. We will need to engage with you if we are made aware that it is having a negative impact on your child, or if they are accessing unsuitable material.

We hope you have a restful half term break, with a bit of space to "be" and to enjoy a little time with your children outside of the term-time routines.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Susan Lawless & team

HOLY GHOST PRIMARY - SCHOOL DATES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OCTOBER				
11th October Y3 Singing Project P2B	12th October	13th October Y4 Trumpet	14th October No Y6 Swimming Wandsworth Borough Cross Country - Y5/Y6 selected	15th October Coffee morning - P2B 9.05am Second hand uniform 9.05am - Back playground Y5/Y6 Inter planet Football (at school)
18th October Y3 Singing Project P2B	19th October	20th October Y4 Trumpet	21st October Y6 Swimming Y3/Y4 Inter planet Football (in school)	22nd October School Closed - Queens Jubilee Holiday HALF TERM
NOVEMBER				
1st November INSET DAY	2nd November Children return to school	3rd November Y4 Trumpet	4th November Last Y6 swimming	5th November Multi Faith Day P2B
8th November P2B	9th November 1.15pm - Open Day	10th November Y4 Trumpet	11th November Y5 Swimming	12th November P2B
15th November Anti-Bullying week P2B	16th November	17th November Y4 Trumpet	18th November Y5 Swimming	19th November P2B
22nd November P2B	23rd November	24th November Y4 Trumpet	25th November Y5 Swimming	26th November P2B
29th November P2B	30th November	1st December Y4 Trumpet	2nd December Y5 Swimming	3rd December P2B

2021-2022	
Date	Event
DECEMBER	
10th December	Multi Faith Day
15th December	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
17th December	End of Term
JANUARY	
4th January	INSET Day
5th January	Children return to school

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